



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2596

Introduced 2/16/2016, by Sen. Terry Link

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/356z.8

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the amendatory Act must provide coverage for medically necessary preventative physical or rehabilitative therapy for insureds diagnosed with multiple sclerosis without any treatment limitation or calendar year maximum as determined by the patient's treating physician. Makes changes to the provision's definition of "preventative physical therapy" to include physical and other rehabilitative therapy. Removes requirements that coverage under this provision be subject to the same coinsurance, waiting period, cost sharing limitation, treatment limitation, calendar year maximum, or other limitation as provided for other physical or rehabilitative therapy benefits.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
5 changing Section 356z.8 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.8)

7 Sec. 356z.8. Multiple sclerosis preventative physical or
8 rehabilitative therapy. A group or individual policy of
9 accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended,
10 delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly ~~this amendatory Act~~
12 ~~of the 94th General Assembly~~ must provide coverage for
13 medically necessary preventative physical or rehabilitative
14 therapy without any treatment limitation or calendar year
15 maximum as determined necessary by the patient's treating
16 physician, for insureds diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. For
17 the purposes of this Section, "preventative physical or
18 rehabilitative therapy" means physical and other
19 rehabilitative therapy that is prescribed by a physician
20 licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches for the
21 purpose of treating parts of the body affected by multiple
22 sclerosis, but only where the physical or rehabilitative
23 therapy includes reasonably defined goals, including, but not

1 limited to, sustaining the level of function the person has
2 achieved, with periodic evaluation of the efficacy of the
3 physical or rehabilitative therapy against those goals. The
4 coverage required under this Section shall be subject to the
5 same deductible, ~~coinsurance, waiting period, cost sharing~~
6 ~~limitation, treatment limitation, calendar year maximum, or~~
7 ~~other limitations~~ as provided for other physical or
8 rehabilitative therapy benefits covered by the policy.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-1076, eff. 12-29-06.)